

OBITUARY.

The Council regret that they have to record the loss by death of the following Fellows and Associates during the past year :—

Fellows :—William Morris Beaufort.

Lord Blythswood.

Cecil Goodrich J. Dolmage.

Robert Lewis John Ellery.

James Kennedy Esdaile.*

Edward Gay.

Frederick Howlett.

Henry Alfred Lenehan.

Percy Braybrooke Molesworth.

Earl of Rosse.

James Lidderdale Scott.

William Henry E. Thornthwaite.

Henry Thomas Vivian.

Thomas Weir.

William Edward Wilson.

Carl Venceslas Zenger.

Associates :—John M. Thome.

Charles A. Young.

The deaths of the following Fellows were not reported till 1908 :—

Pat Doyle (died 1907).

James Rankin (died 1906).

Edward Henry Riches (died 1907).

WILLIAM MORRIS BEAUFORT was the youngest son of Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort, K.C.B., F.R.S., who was Hydrographer of the Admiralty from 1827 to 1855, and one of the original Fellows of the Society. William Morris Beaufort was born at 57 Manchester Street, Manchester Square, London, on the 20th July 1823, and was educated at St. Paul's School, from whence, in 1840, he proceeded to Haileybury, which was then the East India College. Two years later he sailed for Calcutta, where he joined the Bengal Civil Service, in the judicial ranks of which he served till he retired in 1871. In 1857, while on leave in England, he became a barrister-at-law, but he never practised. Shortly after his return to England he took the rooms at 18 Piccadilly where he lived up to the time of his death on the 13th of December last, in his eighty-sixth

* Obituary in Annual Report for 1907.

year. He was a member of the Athenæum Club and a Fellow of several learned societies besides the Royal Astronomical, including the Royal Geographical, Royal Meteorological, and Royal Statistical and Zoological Societies, and the Anthropological Institute. He served on the Council of the Meteorological Society from 1883 to 1890, and was Vice-President in 1885. He was also a Fellow and for some time on the Council of the Huguenot Society, and for twenty-six years, to the time of his death, a Director of the French Hospital at Victoria Park (on the list of which his great-grandfather, the Rev. Daniel de Beaufort, appears as having joined in 1736), an institution which was incorporated by royal charter in 1718. For some years he was Secretary of the French School attached to the French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy in Shaftesbury Avenue, and till quite recently the treasurer of that church, the poor fund of which gives monthly subscriptions to fifty pensioners, the descendants of Huguenot refugees who fled from France at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when his own ancestors left that country for the same reason. His gifts to the poor and to innumerable charitable institutions were known to few, as his name never appeared in the published lists.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society on 1877 May 11.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL CAMPBELL, first LORD BLYTHSWOOD, was the son of Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, seventeenth Laird of Mains, and was born 1835 February 22. Lord Blythswood's father exchanged the name of Douglas for Campbell on succeeding to the estate of his cousin, Major Campbell, twelfth Laird of Blythswood, and at one time M.P. for Glasgow. The estate comprised a great portion of the land on which the western part of the city of Glasgow is built. At the age of twenty Lord Blythswood joined the Scots Guards, and immediately went with the regiment to the Crimea. After three months' service he was severely wounded in the trenches before Sebastopol: he received the Crimean medal with clasp and the Turkish medal. He retired from the army with the rank of lieutenant-colonel on the death of his father in 1868. In 1864 he married the elder sister of the present Lord Carrington. He was created Baronet in 1880, was Lord Lieutenant of the county of Renfrew, and Aide-de-camp to the late Queen Victoria; he was a keen politician, and sat in Parliament as a Conservative for West Renfrewshire from 1883 until 1892, when he was raised to the peerage. On many occasions he entertained members of the Royal Family when they visited Glasgow, and in November 1907 the freedom of the city of Glasgow was conferred upon him, with special recognition of the splendid hospitality dispensed at Blythswood House, on the north bank of the Clyde.

Although he had many interests, much of his time was devoted to physical science: he established a laboratory and workshop at Blythswood House, and fitted them with the best instruments that could be procured. In the Glasgow Exhibition of 1888 he exhibited the wheel-work for an astronomical driving-clock, cut